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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements* of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report).

Description, Pages

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-15 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/20-20/20 as originally filed

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (specify):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-7,9,13-15
	No: Claims	8,10-12
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-7,9,14-15
	No: Claims	8,10-13
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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SECTION V

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-B1-6 190 894

D2: WO 02/48325

D1 deals with compositions comprising fluindostatin and β -chloroalanine which are HMG CoA reductase inhibitor and SPT inhibitor, respectively.

D2 deals with the preparation of a medicament for modulating SPT for the treatment of, *inter alia*, diabetes.

In view of the available prior art the present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 8,10-12 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 8,10-13 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT. The problem to be solved by the present application may be formulated as how to provide a pharmaceutical composition comprising a SPT inhibitor and a second compound. The solution proposed is to provide a second compound which is useful in the treatment of atherosclerosis or dyslipidemia. However said solution has been already provided by D1 and cannot therefore be considered as inventive.